



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge

2014 Youth Turkey Hunt

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge's 1st annual youth turkey hunt is scheduled for March 31 – April 4, 2014. This hunt will take place within the Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff), which is located in Chatham County, Georgia about four miles west of Port Wentworth off Georgia Highway 21. Only youth hunters (15 years of age or younger), supervised by an adult (21 years of age or older) may participate in the hunt. Each youth hunter must obtain this hunt information packet, which includes a map of the hunt area, and a copy of the Savannah NWR 2013/2014 Hunting and Fishing Regulations brochure, which when signed, serves as the hunt permit. An unlimited number of permits will be issued. Additional packets and hunt regulations brochures may be obtained from the refuge website (<http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>) or you may call and request packets from the Savannah NWR Visitor Center at (843) 784-2468. The visitor center is open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The map provided in the hunt information packet provides an aerial view of the Solomon Tract, and a vicinity map with directions to the entrance gate accessible from Georgia Highway 21. There are no designated boat landings on the tract which is bordered by the Savannah River to the east, the Seaboard Coastline Railroad to the north and west, and a dirt road (leading to the entrance gate) to the south. **Youth supervisors are cautioned that private property bordering the refuge is closed to hunting; be familiar with signs that mark the refuge boundary.**

For further information regarding the refuge or hunt management, please contact the Savannah NWR Visitor Center.

HUNT REGULATIONS

Please read the following rules and regulations before signing your hunt permit.

Eligibility requirements: Only hunters 15 years of age or younger will be allowed to participate in the Savannah NWR Youth Turkey Hunt.

Each youth hunter must carry a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure. An unlimited number of permits will be issued for the youth turkey hunt; permits may be obtained throughout the hunt period, March 31 – April 4, 2014.

Hunt permits are non-transferable and are valid only for the individual whose name appears on the permit.

Scouting within the Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff) is permitted during daylight hours.

Check-in/out is not required. Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. Access to the Solomon Tract is not permitted by boat; access at the designated entrance gate is permitted by foot and bicycle only.

This hunt will be managed entirely within the Oak Grove Bluff property which is located in Chatham County, Georgia (a refuge vicinity map and directions to the entrance gate are attached to these regulations).

All Georgia hunting regulations will apply, in addition to more restrictive, specific refuge regulations which are listed.

Each youth hunter must be accompanied by one adult who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. The supervising adult must be 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and within normal voice contact with the youth hunter. Adult may supervise only one youth.

Hunting hours will be from one-half hour before legal sunrise to one-half hour after legal sunset. Youth hunters and their supervisors will not be permitted to enter the hunting area earlier than one hour before sunrise.

The distribution of bait, or hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

Only turkeys may be taken; other wildlife may not be harassed in any manner.

Only shotguns with #2 shot or smaller and bows, in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for turkey hunting.

The use of slugs or buckshot is illegal during the turkey hunt.

Bag limit is 3 gobblers.

